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SUBJECT: VISIT BY TRINIDAD LABOR OFFICIALS - REQUEST FOR
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. INNOCENTE GONZALES, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL WORKERS (UCIW) OF TRINIDAD, AND MRS. WELANESE WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE GARMENT BRANCH OF THE UNION, WILL ATTEND THE THIRD WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE, GARMENT AND LEATHER WORKERS FEDERATION IN DUBLIN AT THE END OF MARCH. ON THEIR RETURN TRIP TO TRINIDAD, THEY WOULD LIKE TO STOP IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON TO TALK TO OFFICIALS OF GARMENT WORKERS' UNIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND AIFLD. THEY TENTATIVELY PLAN TO BE IN NEW YORK APRIL 4-5 AND IN WASHINGTON APRIL 6-7.

2. GONZALES IS AN IMPORTANT AND RESPONSIBLE LABOR LEADER IN TRINIDAD WHO HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH THE EMBASSY. WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ARRANGE FOR MEETINGS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION AND THE AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS IN NEW YORK, AND WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE U.S. GARMENT INDUSTRY AND THE EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. GONZALES, WHO IS A FORMER AIFLD GRANTEE, WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH AIFLD OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONFIRM, BY MARCH 18, WHEN GONZALES AND WILLIAMS WILL LEAVE FOR DUBLIN, THAT
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APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING TIMES PROPOSED AND

PROVIDE NAMES OF PERSONS OR OFFICES THEY SHOULD CONTACT
CONCERNING TIMES AND PLACES FOR THE MEETING. GONZALES WILL
CONTACT U.S. ORGANIZATIONS TO CONFIRM DATES AND APPOINT-
MENTS AT CLOSE OF DUBLIN CONFERENCE WHEN TRAVEL PLANS ARE
DEFINITE.

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